REPORT

OF THE

CIVIL JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

OF THE

Bombay Presidency,

FOR

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Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,
16*th August* 1855.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

Present,
A. Remington,
M. Larken, and
W. H. Harrison,
Esquires.

I have the honour, by direction of the Judges of the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, to submit, for the purpose of being laid before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Statements, Nos. 1 to 16, prepared in conformity with the Forms transmitted with Mr. Secretary Lumsden's letter No. 7459, of the 30th September 1852, showing the result of the Civil Judicial Administration of the Bombay Presidency for the year 1854, contrasted with the four previous years; together with Statements Nos. 1 to 13 and Nos. 1 to 12, giving the same information in respect to the Agency and Revenue Courts respectively; and to add that, in framing the aggregate Statements of Original Suits and Appeals, the suggestion made in paragraph 10 of your letter No. 346, dated 24th February last, has been carried out.

2. I have also the honour to forward the usual Statement, showing the European Officers who presided over the several Civil and Criminal Courts, and the business disposed of by each.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) M. A. COXON,
Registrar.

CIVIL.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	60	37	53	46	46
Total	60	37	53	46	46
Decided on merits	59	37	53	46	46
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total	60	37	53	46	46
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

No. 2.—VILLAGE MOONSIFFS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..
Decided on merits	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

There are no Village Moonsiffs under this Presidency.

No. 3.—DISTRICT MOONSIFFS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	8923	11375	13264	A 14717	16771
Instituted during the year	71206	72921	73227	80678	75708
Received by transfer	430	585	1071	583	4164
Total	80559	84881	87562	95978	96643
Decided on merits	48739	50080	53088	57345	54246
Dismissed on default	2620	2962	3198	3523	2494
Adjusted or withdrawn	17095	17379	16750	17386	15751
Otherwise disposed of	730	1196	1080	953	3114
Total	69184	71617	74116	79207	75605
Depending 31st December	11375	13264	13446	16771	21038

A.—These include the Suits depending on the 31st December 1852, on the Files of the Moonsiffs under the late Colaba Agency.

No. 4.—SUDDER AMEENS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	2738	2500	A 3637	3285	3917
Instituted during the year	17338	16236	17465	17225	14267
Received by transfer	244	333	190	132	B 1315
Total	20320	19069	21292	20642	19499
Decided on merits	11982	10538	12610	11788	9275
Dismissed on default	1525	1273	1481	1541	1140
Adjusted or withdrawn	4060	3324	3622	3324	2672
Otherwise disposed of	253	182	294	72	971
Total	17820	15317	18007	16725	14058
Depending 31st December	2500	A 3752	3285	3917	5441

A.—In 1852, the appointment of Sudder Ameen at Sholapore was converted into a Principal Sudder Ameenship, and the Suits (115) depending on the File of the former, on the 31st December 1851, were transferred to that of the latter functionary, and are accounted for in Statement No. 5; hence the difference between the number depending on the 31st December 1851, and brought forward on 1st January 1852.

B.—These include 171 Suits transferred from the File of the Principal Sudder Ameen of Sholapore, whose appointment was converted into that of a Sudder Ameen on the 31st August 1854.

No. 5.—PRINCIPAL SUDDER AMEENS.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	1069	5	1237	A 121	B 1893	C 116	1977	101	3020	387
Instituted during the year ..	7189	..	6863	368	8680	475	9622	701	9562	336
Received by transfer	208	..	238	..	109	44	599	804	212	614
Total....	8466	5	8338	489	10682	635	12198	1606	12794	1337
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	4621	1	4388	95	5571	106	6155	354	6164	279
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	561	3	469	254	940	223	717	599	679	427
Remanded	..	1	..	114	..	196	..	228	..	179
Dismissed on default	562	..	526	7	629	2	535	22	680	10
Adjusted or withdrawn	1440	..	1092	5	1287	7	1437	15	1373	27
Otherwise disposed of.....	45	..	85	..	278	..	334	1	D 1135	E 330
Total....	7229	5	6560	475	8705	534	9178	1219	10031	1252
Depending 31st December ..	1237	..	1778	14	1977	101	3020	387	2763	85

A.—There were no Appeals depending at the end of 1850, and the 121 here shown as depending on the 1st January 1851 were transferred from the File of the Judge of Ahmedabad to that of the Principal Sudder Ameen.

B.—The difference of 115 between the number of Original Suits depending on the 31st December 1851, and depending on the 1st January 1852, is explained in a foot note to Statement No. 4, marked A.

C.—102 Appeals were transferred by the Judge to the Principal Sudder Ameen of Sholapore in 1851, which, with the 14 Appeals depending on the 31st December of that year, make up the aggregate of 116 here shown.

D.—171 of these are transferred to the File of the Sudder Ameen, in consequence of the abolition of the appointment of Principal Sudder Ameen of Sholapore in August 1854.

E.—6 of these Appeals are transferred to the File of the Judge of Sholapore, for the reason above stated.

No. 6.—ASSISTANT JUDGES.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	34	556	51	A 705	31	B 716	42	1132	52	1387
Instituted during the year ..	43	1532	21	1933	28	1759	30	1416	21	1413
Received by transfer	18	563	13	402	7	632	23	716	12	979
Total..	95	2651	85	3040	66	3107	95	3264	85	3779
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	11	431	15	471	14	451	12	341	12	452
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	19	1055	31	904	4	906	6	645	14	861
Remanded	..	337	..	380	..	365	..	279	..	280
Dismissed on default	8	44	3	28	3	37	3	45	6	37
Adjusted or withdrawn	6	46	3	62	2	49	17	31	6	49
Otherwise disposed of	..	54	2	482	1	167	5	536	3	785
Total..	44	1967	54	2327	24	1975	43	1877	41	2464
Depending 31st December ..	51	A 684	31	B 713	42	1132	52	1387	44	1315

A.—The difference between the figures marked A has been caused by the transfer of 21 Appeals from the File of the Judge to that of the Assistant Judge at Ahmedabad.

B.—The difference between the figures marked B has been occasioned by the return of 3 Appeals by the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, under the provisions of Act XII. of 1843, to be replaced on the File of the Assistant Judge of Ahmedabad.

No. 7.—SUBORDINATE AND ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	..	360	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year ..	..	165	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	..	360	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total..	..	525	..	360	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	..	98	..	139	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	295	..	130	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	96	..	78	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	23	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	13	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total..	..	525	..	360	..	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

No. 8.—DISTRICT AND CITY JUDGES.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	9	790	7	892	17	B 738	C 40	C 1236	36	1843
Instituted during the year ..	2	2312	25	1692	18	2327	25	2735	17	2747
Received by transfer	45	56	42	125	19	169	25	430	17	889
Total..	56	3158	74	2709	54	3234	90	4401	70	5479
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	2	355	4	316	1	290	13	344	8	406
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	1	869	1	843	3	803	6	551	4	956
Remanded	..	238	..	231	..	257	..	171	..	260
Dismissed on default	39	45	37	34	7	30	10	17	3	61
Adjusted or withdrawn	3	53	1	48	1	51	1	55	3	70
Otherwise disposed of	4	564	14	505	14	679	24	1420	21	1296
Total..	49	2124	57	1977	26	2110	54	2558	39	3049
Depending 31st December ..	7	A 1034	17	732	28	1124	36	1843	31	2430

A.—142 of these were transferred from the File of the Judge of Ahmedabad to those of the Assistant Judge and Principal Sudder Ameen at that Station.

B.—This includes 6 Appeals returned by the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut under the provisions of Act XII. of 1843.

C.—These include the number of Suits and Appeals depending on the 31st December 1852 on the File of the late Agent at Colaba.

No. 9.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	11	207	10	282	10	208	15	268	16	354
Admitted during the year ..	2	173	1	103	7	239	3	200	6	110
Total ..	13	380	11	385	17	447	18	468	22	464
Dismissed on default	1	..	..	1	..	9	..	7	1	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1
Confirmed	..	34	1	77	1	53	1	39	2	47
Amended	..	2	..	8	..	10	..	5	..	7
Reversed	1	38	..	41	..	28	..	24	3	22
Remanded	..	24	..	49	1	78	..	39	1	12
Total..	3	98	1	177	2	179	2	114	7	89
Depending 31st December ..	10	282	10	208	15	268	16	354	15	375

No. 10.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	12773	15170	18842	20061*	23796
Instituted during the year	95838	96103	99471	107626	99621
Received by transfer	945	1211	1396	1362	5720
Total	109556	112484	119709	129049	129137
Decided on merits	65995	65563	72284	76088	70448
Dismissed on default	4754	4801	5318	5612	4323
Adjusted or withdrawn	22605	21799	21662	22165	19805
Otherwise disposed of.....	1032	1479	1667	1388	5244
Depending 31st December.....	15170	18842	18778	23796	29317
Decided by European Judges	89	95	35	68	56
Ditto Native ditto	93205	92031	99176	103751	94474
Ditto Punchayets.....	60	37	53	46	46
Total decided	93354	92163	99264	103865	94576

* These include the number of Original Suits depending on the Files of the late Colaba Agency on the 31st December 1852.

No. 11.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	District and City Judges.										Subordinate and Additional Judges.										Assistant Judges.										Principal Sudder Ameens.									
	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Suits Appealable	3	1224	5	1159	4	1093	19	895	12	1362	..	393	..	269	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	1486	46	1375	18	1357	18	986	26	1313	5182	4	4857	349	6511	329	6872	953	6843	706
Appealed	2	113	1	41	7	97	3	88	6	42	..	10	..	13	..	33	..	8	..	1	12	47	11	47	15	105	19	90	13	47	418	3	368	2	618	4	564	14	492	20
Appeals depending on 1st January	4	145	6	186	6	118	12	120	14	155	..	14	..	18	..	13	..	36	..	33	37	48	10	75	12	72	14	105	27	150	102	..	109	2	225	2	365	7	305	16
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11	..
Total	6	258	7	227	13	215	15	208	20	197	..	24	..	31	..	46	..	44	..	34	50	95	21	122	27	177	33	195	49	197	612	3	531	5	840	9	929	21	1006	36
Affirmed	..	23	1	46	..	33	..	18	2	11	..	4	..	4	..	2	..	1	..	3	20	7	6	27	10	16	3	15	6	28	263	..	179	..	258	2	213	5	305	5
Modified	..	1	..	6	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	3	1	5	..	5	34	..	34	..	40	..	34	..	51	..
Reversed	..	28	..	27	..	17	..	14	2	9	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	8	1	10	2	11	1	8	4	9	56	..	34	..	69	..	41	..	53	2
Remanded	..	20	..	29	1	32	..	15	1	2	..	..	..	10	..	6	..	8	..	3	10	4	2	10	1	40	..	16	..	7	52	..	42	..	60	..	51	..	66	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	4	..	22	..	10	..	21	..	9	..	23	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	22	..	11	..	25	..	18	..	23	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	72	1	109	1	95	1	53	6	25	..	6	..	18	..	10	..	11	..	8	40	20	9	50	13	72	6	45	15	49	449	..	310	..	475	2	366	5	521	7
Depending 31st December	6	186	6	118	12	120	14	155	14	172	..	18	..	13	..	36	..	33	..	26	10	75	12	72	14	105	27	150	34	148	163	3	221	5	365	7	563	16	545	29

SUPPLEMENT TO No. 11.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Sudder Ameens.					Moonsiffs.					Jahageerdars.					Punchayets.					Revenue Courts.				
	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits Appealable	11982	10538	12610	11788	9275	48739	50080	53088	57345	54246	104	60	224	156	133	59	37	53	46	46	..	..	..	..	..
Appealed	671	686	708	755	673	2904	2926	321[illegible]		3311	2	2	7	11	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	3
Appeals depending on 1st January	[illegible]	[illegible]	273	849	667	1101	1220	[illegible]		2345	5	1	..	5	8	..	1	..	..	..	8	7	5	6	9
Received by transfer	8	7[illegible]		125	273	608	814	742	1825	2188	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	964	1069	1083	1222	1613	4703	4970	5017	7065	7844	7	3	7	16	13	1	1	..	..	..	9	7	6	9	12
Affirmed	372	373	322	201	294	1479	1496	1258	1340	1495	3	1	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1
Modified	44	57	70	51	64	242	282	216	355	328	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	102	128	97	63	105	486	557	438	525	668	1	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Remanded	81	128	116	78	74	526	630	639	548	578	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	25	24	14	24	19	63	39	34	51	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	23	16	19	13	25	66	97	63	69	97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Otherwise disposed of	7	99	103	125	262	611	888	741	1832	2148	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	654	825	741	555	843	3473	3989	3389	4720	5376	6	3	2	8	9	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	2
Depending 31st December	310	244	342	667	770	1230	981	1628	2345	2468	1	..	5	8	4	1	..	..	..	..	7	5	6	9	10

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No. 12.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Connected with Land Rent	96	85	98	201	136
Otherwise connected with Land	1966	1798	2410	2471	2231
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c	88721	87715	94607	99007	90380
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c	950	1039	522	371	215
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	1621	1526	1627	1815	1614
Total	93354	92163	99264	103865	94576

No. 13.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
68902	25674

No. 14.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1850			1851			1852			1853			1854		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut	1	4	28	1	3	29	1	7	7	1	8	28	1	5	17
District and City Judges	..	5	16	..	5	13	..	7	29	..	9	17	1	5	16
Subordinate and Additional Judges	1	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Assistant Judges	..	7	9	1	3	7	..	9	18	..	10	11	1	1	25
Principal Sudder Ameens	..	2	1	..	2	18	..	2	20	..	3	17	..	3	23
Sudder Ameens	..	2	17	..	2	24	..	3	4	..	2	25	..	4	9
Moonsiffs	..	3	20	..	4	2	..	3	10	..	5	29	..	6	4

No. 15.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Before Sudder Adawlut	1619641	668328	3382312	604511	713210
Before other Courts, Original	2037582	2215678	3144804	3829620	3915644
Ditto ditto, Appeals	400523	505270	1385645	3393501	3852067
Total	4057746	3389276	7912761	7827632	8480921

No. 16.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1850				1851				1852				1853				1854			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	1212	1003197	5	3	1125	86659	1	3	99[illegible]0	70374	14	8	1034	66629	0	6	784	54354	13	6
At the instance of Government	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	[illegible]	..	..	..	4	9694	7	9	..	..	..	..
Total Number in Jail	1212	1003197	5	3	1125	86659	1	3	99[illegible]0	70374	14	8	1038	76323	8	3	784	54354	13	6

AGENTS' COURTS.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	10	6	2	5	6
Total	10	6	2	5	6
Decided on merits	10	6	2	5	6
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total	10	6	2	5	6
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

No. 2.—JAHAGEERDARS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	130	93	94	163	137
Instituted during the year	402	260	549	341	188
Received by transfer	7	2	19	2	7
Total	539	355	662	506	332
Decided on merits	258	144	341	228	144
Dismissed on default	51	24	29	8	9
Adjusted or withdrawn	88	41	125	69	54
Otherwise disposed of	49	52	4	64	65
Total	446	261	499	369	272
Depending 31st December	93	94	163	137	60

No. 3.—MOONSIFFS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	380	709	1008	..	..
Instituted during the year	1579	1739	1886	..	..
Received by transfer	..	3	1	..	..
Total	1959	2451	2895	..	..
Decided on merits	970	1092	1284	..	..
Dismissed on default	12	36	24	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	266	314	313	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	2	1	3	..	..
Total	1250	1443	1624	..	..
Depending 31st December	709	1008	1271*	..	..

* In consequence of the abolition of the Colaba Agency, these Suits were transferred to the Tanna Adawlut, and are accounted for in Statement No. 3 of the Adawlut Civil Courts.

No. 4.—ASSISTANT AGENT.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	16	3	12	16	24
Instituted during the year	16	18	19	24	17
Received by transfer	1	..	..	..	..
Total	33	21	31	40	41
Decided on merits	26	8	12	11	12
Dismissed on default	..	1	2	2	2
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	1	3	1
Otherwise disposed of	3	..	..	..	..
Total	30	9	15	16	15
Depending 31st December	3	12	16	24	26

No. 5.—AGENTS.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	9	67	19	59	24	77	A 3	A 11	10	5
Instituted during the year ..	26	122	32	139	18	147	11	7	9	5
Received by transfer	2	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Total..	37	189	52	98	47	224	14*	18	19	10
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	15	32	14	25	15	29	4	3	2	1
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	89	5	83	6	56	..	1	2	3
Remanded	..	7	..	6	..	13	..	9	..	..
Dismissed on default	1	..	4	5	6	1	..	..	3	1
Adjusted or withdrawn	2	..	2	2	4	2	..	..	1	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total..	18	130	28	121	32	101	4	13	8	5
Depending 31st December ..	19	59	24	77	15	123	10	5	11	5

* A.—These do not include the Suits and Appeals depending on the File of the late Agent of Colaba on the 31st December 1852, which have been transferred, owing to the Office of Agent at Colaba having been abolished, to the Files of the Tanna Adawlut.

No. 6.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	14	4	17	9	15	2	14	6	11	8
Admitted during the year ..	10	5	6	1	4	5	..	2	..	1
Total....	24	9	23	10	19	7	14	8	11	9
Dismissed on default	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	4	..	3	5	2	1	3	..	3	..
Amended	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Reversed	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1
Total....	7	..	8	8	5	1	3	..	4	1
Depending 31st December ..	17	9	15	2	14	6	11	8	7	8

No. 7.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	535	824	1138	A 182	171
Instituted during the year	2033	2055	2474	381	220
Received by transfer	10	6	25	2	7
Total....	2578	2885	3637	565	398
Decided on merits	1279	1269	1660	248	166
Dismissed on default	64	65	61	10	14
Adjusted or withdrawn	357	357	443	72	56
Otherwise disposed of.....	54	56	8	64	65
Depending 31st December.....	824	1138	1465	171	97
Decided by European Judges	45	34	46	20	23
Ditto Native ditto	1645	1651	2116	305	207
Ditto Punchayets.....	10	6	2	5	6
Total decided....	1700	1691	2164	330	236

A.—These do not include the number of Original Suits on the Files of the late Colaba Agency, which are transferred to the Files of the Tanna Adawlut.

No. 8.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Agents.										Assistant Agents.					Moonsiffs.					Jahageerdars.					Punchayets.				
	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits Appealable	15	121	19	108	21	85	4	4	4	4	26	8	12	11	12	970	1003	1284	..	..	154	84	117	228	144	10	6	2	5	6
Appealed	10	5	6	1	4	5	.	2	..	1	6	..	3	1	3	92	123	124	..	..	24	17	20	6	2	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals depending on 1st January	14	4	17	3	15	2	14	6	11	8	4	4	..	1	1	54	41	78	..	..	9	11	4	10	4	..	..	..	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	24	9	23	10	19	7	14	8	11	9	10	4	3	2	4	146	166	197	..	..	33	28	24	16	6	..	..	..	..	..
Affirmed	4	..	3	5	2	1	3	..	3	..	5	2	2	1	..	74	72	45	..	..	14	9	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Modified	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	4	14	..	..	1	..	.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	23	10	13	..	..	1	3	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	6	6	3	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	7	..	8	8	5	1	3	..	4	1	6	4	2	1	1	102	9[illegible]	85	..	..	22	24	14	12	4	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	17	9	15	2	14	6	11	8	7	8	4	..	1	1	3	44	73	112	..	..	11	4	10	4	2	..	..	..	..	..

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No. 9.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Connected with Land Rent	29	26	49	..	..
Otherwise connected with Land	82	96	97	4	2
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c	1582	1561	2007	326	234
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	7	8	11	..	..
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1700	1691	2164	330	236

No. 10.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
164	72

No. 11.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1850			1851			1852			1853			1854		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut	1	11	13	1	2	7	2	6	17	3	2	19	2	9	5
Agents	..	7	9	..	5	8	..	8	22	1	..	12	..	11	..
Assistant Agent	..	7	7	..	3	26	..	4	2	..	11	13	1	..	16
Moonsiffs	..	4	28	..	6	18	..	4	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jahageerdars	..	3	17	..	4	4	..	3	15	..	6	4	..	4	11

No. 12.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Before Sudder Adawlut	36885	34735	29514	27431	25054
Before other Courts, Original	53587	88177	106875	728977	559691
Ditto ditto, Appeals	6349	3567	5531	143	2739
Total	96821	126479	141920	756551	587484

No. 13.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1850				1851				1852				1853				1854			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	2	85	11	6	3	128	13	8	5	214	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
At the instance of Government	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Number in Jail	2	85	11	6	3	128	13	8	5	214	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

REVENUE COURTS.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	..	..	..	1	..
Total	..	..	..	1	..
Decided on merits	..	..	..	1	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	1	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

No. 2.—MAMLUTDARS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	426	345	325	421	423
Instituted during the year	1381	1486	1410	1343	1410
Received by transfer	45	26	31	47	136
Total	1852	1857	1766	1811	1969
Decided on merits	791	813	771	862	970
Dismissed on default	324	300	179	184	178
Adjusted or withdrawn	386	392	382	287	408
Otherwise disposed of	6	27	13	55	37
Total	1507	1532	1345	1388	1593
Depending 31st December	345	325	421	423	376

No. 3.—ASSISTANT COLLECTORS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	2	2	..	..	1
Instituted during the year	3	..	..	2	1
Received by transfer	..	..	..	2	..
Total	5	2	..	4	2
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	2	1	..	2	1
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	1	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	1	1	..	..	..
Total	3	2	..	3	1
Depending 31st December	2	..	..	1	1

No. 4.—COLLECTORS.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	2	102	4	92	2	154	4	104	4	162
Instituted during the year	2	147	..	162	3	116	2	147	..	244
Received by transfer	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Total	5	249	4	254	5	270	6	251	4	409
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	..	26	1	18	..	40	1	10	..	65
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	92	1	62	..	95	..	44	..	113
Remanded	..	19	..	6	..	14	..	13	..	22
Dismissed on default	1	14	..	10	..	7	..	11	..	7
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	6	..	4	..	1	..	7	..	2
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	1	9	1	4	..	2
Total	1	157	2	100	1	166	2	89	..	211
Depending 31st December	4	92	2	154	4	104	4	162	4	198

NOTE.—This Statement includes the work of the Sub-Collectors of Nassick and Colaba.

No. 5.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	3	3	3	1	4	1	4	5	3	9
Admitted during the year ..	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	5	2	6
Total....	3	3	4	3	4	6	4	10	5	15
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	4
Amended	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Remanded	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Total....	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	1	3	7
Depending 31st December ..	3	1	4	1	4	5	3	9	2	8

No. 6.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Depending 1st January	430	351	327	425	428
Instituted during the year	1386	1486	1413	1348	1411
Received by transfer	46	26	31	49	136
Total....	1862	1863	1771	1822	1975
Decided on merits	793	816	771	866	971
Dismissed on default	325	300	179	185	178
Adjusted or withdrawn	386	392	382	287	408
Otherwise disposed of.....	7	28	14	56	37
Depending 31st December.....	351	327	425	428	381
Decided by European Judges	3	3	..	4	1
Ditto Native ditto	1501	1505	1332	1333	1556
Ditto Punchayets.....	..	..	..	1	..
Total decided....	1504	1508	1332	1338	1557

No. 7.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Revenue Judge of Bombay.										Collectors.										Assistant Collectors.					Mamlutdars.					Punchayets.				
	1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		1850		1851		1852		1853		1854		1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits Appealable	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	118	2	80	..	135	1	54	8	170	2	1	..	2	1	791	813	771	862	970	..	..	..	1	..
Appealed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	5	2	6	2	1	..	1	1	145	161	116	146	243	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals depending on 1st January	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	1	4	1	4	5	3	9	..	..	..	1	1	102	80	155	103	161	..	..	..	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	4	3	4	6	4	10	5	15	2	3	1	2	2	247	251	269	249	407	..	..	..	..	..
Affirmed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	1	..	1	1	84	58	69	40	112	..	..	..	..	..
Modified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	6	35	5	10	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	14	31	8	55	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	19	6	14	13	22	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	10	7	11	7	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	1	7	2	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	1	3	7	..	2	..	1	1	157	98	166	88	210	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	1	4	5	3	9	2	8	2	1	1	1	1	90	153	103	161	197	..	..	..	..	..

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No. 8.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Connected with Land Rent	1452	1426	1246	1274	1389
Otherwise connected with Land	52	82	86	64	167
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c	..	..	..	..	1
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1504	1508	1332	1338	1557

No. 9.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
1039	518

No. 10.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1850			1851			1852			1853			1854		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut	2	..	17	1	2	17	..	3	11	1	9	3	2	5	26
Collectors	..	10	28	1	..	24	..	11	24	..	7	22	..	8	28
Assistant Collectors	..	5	14	..	3	28	..	..	..	..	5	14	1	7	20
Mamlutdars	..	3	29	..	3	5	..	5	20	..	5	4	..	4	25

No. 11.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1850	1851	1852	1853	1854
Before Sudder Adawlut	1114	2327	2501	1830	801
Before other Courts, Original	17001	11225	14872	14769	15660
Ditto ditto, Appeal	7991	8872	8146	5189	7631
Total	26106	22424	25519	21788	24092

No. 12.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1850				1851				1852				1853				1854			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	7	502	4	9	11	621	11	6	14	325	6	1	18	798	11	7	19	365	9	6
At the instance of Government	..	..	..	..	2	824	8	4	37	5201	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Number in Jail	7	502	4	9	13	1446	3	10	51	5526	15	6	18	798	11	7	19	365	9	6

Statement showing what European Officers presided over the Civil and Criminal Courts under this Presidency during the Year 1854, and what was the proportion of Business disposed of by each.

Names of Zillahs.	Names of the European Officers.	Designation.	Period of holding Office.	Disposal of Business. Criminal Cases.	Original Suits.	Appeals.	Criminal Miscellaneous Orders.	Civil Miscellaneous Orders.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ahmedabad	A. K. Forbes, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 28th February 1854	22	..	..	461	917	
	C. Walter, Esq.	Acting Assist. Judge and Session Judge in charge.	From 1st March to 5th June 1854	..	..	..	599	959	
	H. Hebbert, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 6th June to						
	C. Walter, Esq.	Acting Assist. Judge and Session Judge in charge.	From 4th Novem 1854	31	..	44	924	2,606	
	R. S. Bagshaw, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January	..	..	..	235	2,776	
	C. Walter, Esq.	Acting Assist. Judge and Session Judge.	From 15th Febru	84	*5	3	73	1,031	
Surat	H. Hebbert, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	22 days, from 1 from 23rd to 3						
	W. H. Harrison, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	11 months and 9 to 22nd Decem	1	..	*5	A 47	A 426	A.—In these, two Appeals in Criminal Cases, and four Certificate, and two Pauper Cases, are included.
	R. F. Mactier, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	7 months and 27 8th December	45	1	*168	B 1,213	B 4,687	B.—In these, 40 Appeals in Criminal Cases, and 31 Certificate, and 30 Pauper Cases, are included.
Broach	R. F. Mactier, Esq.	Acting Assist. Judge and Session Judge in charge.	From 1st Januar to 31st Decem	11	*8	*138	70	1,008	
	R. S. Bagshaw, Esq.	Acting Senior Assist. Judge and Session Judge.	From 7th March	2	4	33	201	744	
	R. Keays, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st Januar	13	..	179	975	2,495	
Tanna	C. G. Kemball, Esq.	Acting Assist. Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st Januar	74	2	*285	1,991	11,568	
	C. H. Cameron, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 4th June	15	5	*94	557	2,451	No Assistant Judge from 8th May to 13th June, and Mr. Cameron was on leave from 4th to 31st December 1854.
Rutnagherry	H. P. St. G. Tucker, Esq.	Senior Assist. Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st Janu from 4th May	32	3	*236	853	3,330	
	J. Trott, Esq.	Deputy Collector and Magistrate of Rutnagherry in charge.	From 6th Mar	19	1	236	724	9,417	
Poona	P. W. LeGeyt, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st Januar June to 21st ber to 31st D	..	..	..	167	1,314	Mr. Trott was in charge of the Adawlut for Mr. Tucker, while he was on leave, from 16th March to 3rd May 1854.
	H. Newton, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st Janu 20th May to	48	5	*216	1,083	7,183	
	The Hon'ble G. A. Hobart.	Acting ditto ditto	From 20th Ap	8	..	*99	337	3,136	
	D. C. R. Leighton, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 19th Ju	..	4	..	72	750	
	R. White, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 6th No 1854	13	3	*89	217	2,638	
	P. W. LeGeyt, Esq.	Agent	12 months	6	1	*31	77	1,640	
	H. Newton, Esq.	Assistant Agent	3 months and	..	2	5	..	3,091	
	G. A. Hobart, Esq.	Acting Assistant Agent	1 month	..	5	..	..	45	
	D. C. R. Leighton, Esq.	Assistant Agent	3 months and	..	2	..	..	19	
	R. White, Esq.	Ditto	1 month and 2	..	5	..	..	58	
Sholapore	C. M. Harrison, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st Janu	..	3	..	..	44	
	H. Newton, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	From 27th Ma	9	..	120	455	1,592	
	C. M. Harrison, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 10th Jun	11	..	81	273	899	
	Ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	From 20th Nov 1854	88	1	126	1,495	3,526	
	Ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	From 20th to 3	3	..	19	158	477	
				10	..	2	72	537	
Ahmednuggur	J. W. Woodcock, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	1 year	61	4	227	1,562	8,098	In addition to this, the Session Judge reviewed, upon petitions from Convicts in the Criminal Jail, 32 Criminal Cases, which had been tried by the Assistant Judge and Assistant Magistrates, &c., and 8 upon the Warrants of the Zillah Magistrates.
	Hon'ble G. A. Hobart.	Acting Assist. ditto	28 days	9	..	..	84	460	
	C. H. Cameron, Esq.	Assistant ditto	4 months and	9	..	215	73	1,207	
	H. B. Lockett, Esq.	Ditto ditto	4 months and	7	..	100	364	3,397	
Khandeish	H. L. Anderson, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st Jan	7	..	57	112	581	In addition to the number of Criminal Cases shown as disposed of in this Return, 6 Cases, tried by the Magistracy, were reviewed by the present Session Judge.
	A. St. J. Richardson, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 25th M	59	5	200	1,284	4,458	Orders in the English Department, and Outward English letters, &c. and miscellaneous Orders, on the Criminal Side 306, and on the Civil Side 2,196, issued by the Officers who were in charge of the Adawlut, are not entered in the amount of miscellaneous business.
Dharwar	A. W. Jones, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	1 year	129	1	*103	c 3,327	D 8,212	c.—This includes 49 Cases appealed to the Session Judge, and 2 Cases called for on warrants of Prisoners.
	T. White, Esq.	Acting Assist. ditto	10 months						D.—This includes 44 inquiries into Petitions of persons claiming to be or [illegible] 44 Civil Cases of persons claiming to be declared Heirs or Executors to persons deceased.
Belgaum	C. D. Laverarity, Esq.	Political Agent Southern Mahratta Country.	From 1st Jan [illegible] to 4th October 1854	34	*4	*238	51	718	
				..	6	..	..	8	
			Total	806	80	3,439	20,196	99,469	

* The figures marked thus * do not include Suits and Appeals "otherwise disposed of."

Bombay Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, 14th August 1855.

(Signed) M. A. COXON,
Registrar.

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